

Community Preservation Act Committee FY16 Recommendations

CPA can be spent on only 4 categories of projects:

- Affordable Housing
- Historic Preservation
- Open Space
- Recreation

Thanks to the voters of Amherst we are now a 3% CPA community.

Yearly Funding Cycle A Request for Proposals is posted each October with with an early December deadline. We review proposals, have presentations by applicants in January & February, a Public Hearing and vote in March. Occasionally we may recommend time sensitive projects in the Fall.



Community Preservation Act Committee FY16 Recommendations

CPA Article 17 for New Projects & Article 11 for CPA Debt Service

CPA Surcharge has increased from 1.50% to 3%

\$ 2,115,130 estimated available for FY16 projects

\$ 321,537 in debt service

\$ 520,096 in new recommendations

**\$ 841,633 Total recommended for 2015 Annual Town
Meeting to consider**

Visit www.amherstma.gov/cpa for more info. Click on FY 16

Proposals in left margin

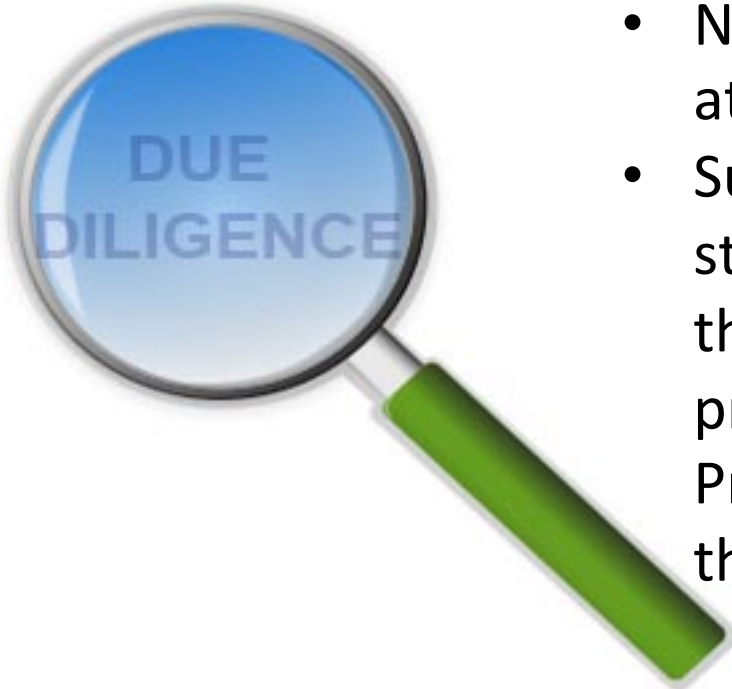




#1 \$25,000 Surveys, Appraisals & Related Studies

– Amherst Affordable Housing Trust

CPAC Vote 6 - 0

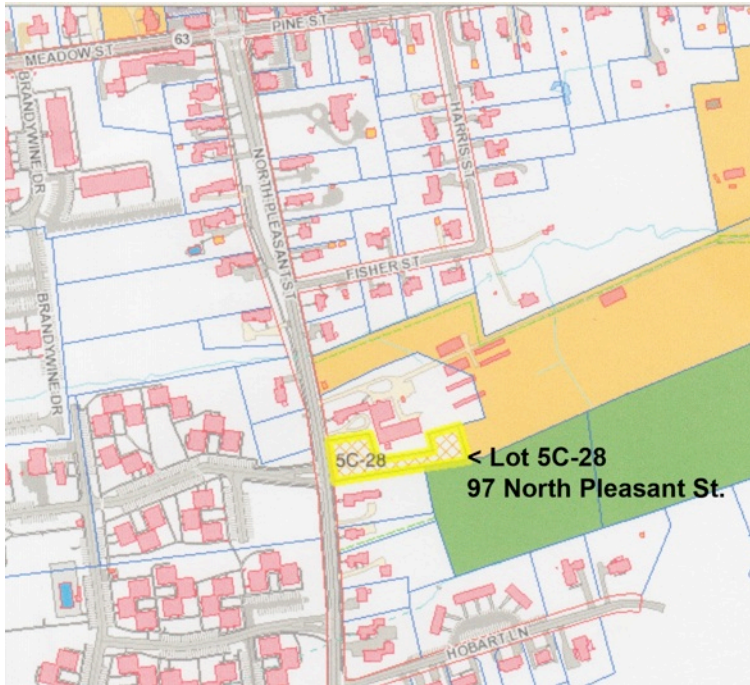


- New municipal housing trust voted at recent Town Meeting
- Surveys, appraisals, & related studies are a necessary first step in the process of acquiring and preserving affordable housing. Professional advice for setting up the Trust is also included.



#2 **\$95,000 Purchase lot 5C-28 from NACF**

– Amherst Community Land Trust (ACLT)
CPAC Vote 7- 0

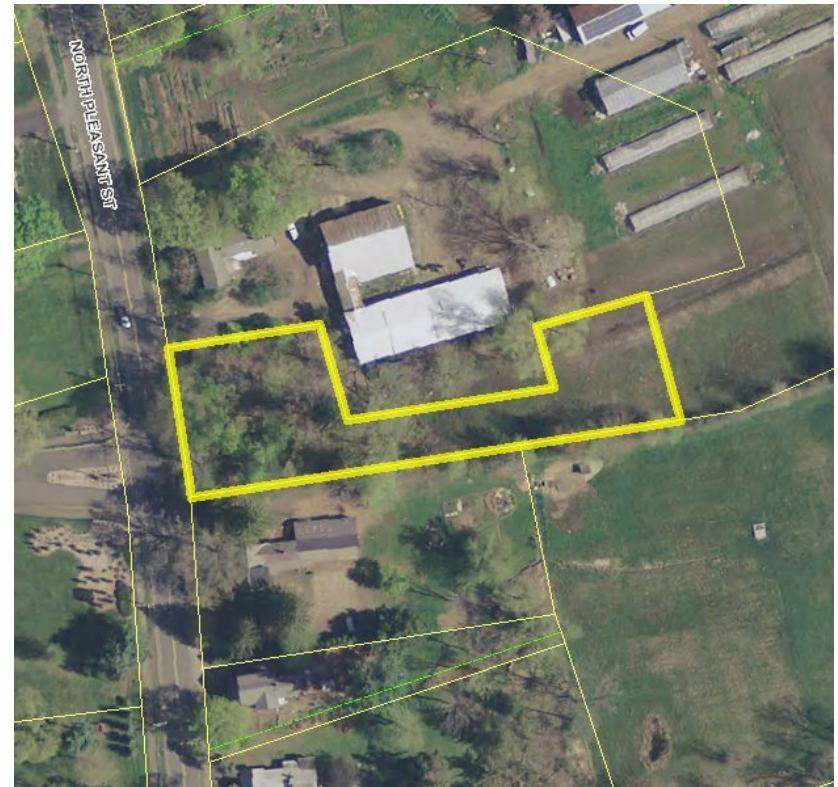
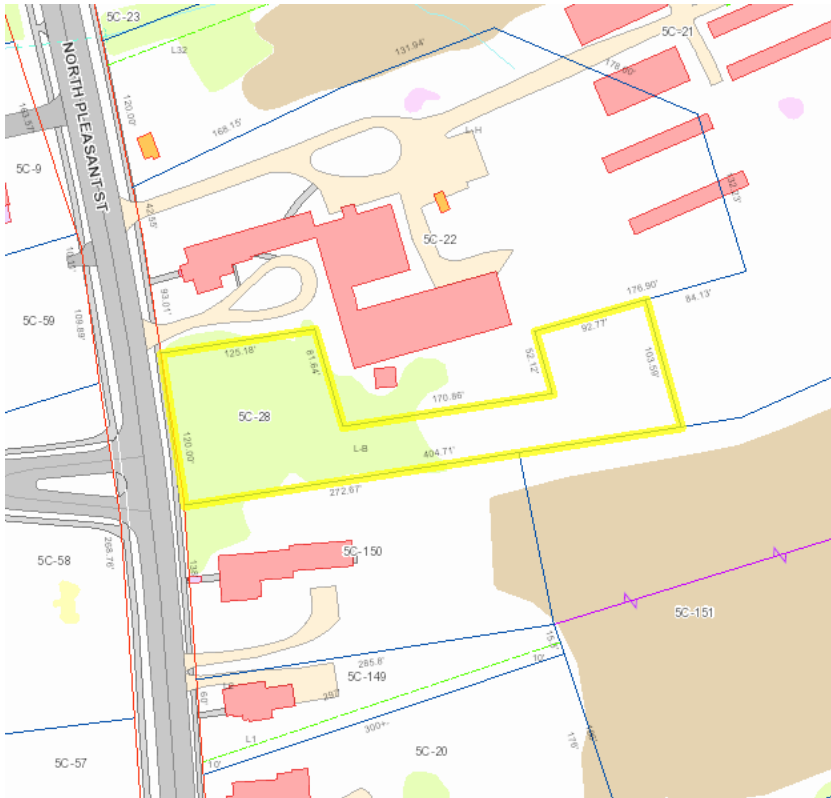


- 0.74 acre parcel
- ACLT got a \$20,000 grant from Interfaith Housing, Inc.
- MOU with Habitat for Humanity to build 2 affordable units
- Units will be owner-occupied
- Selling lot helps North Amherst Community Farm finances



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– Amherst Community Land Trust (ACLT)
CPAC Vote 7- 0





#3 **\$20,000 Cook Fountain Consultant** – Town of Amherst, Malloy CPAC Vote 7- 0

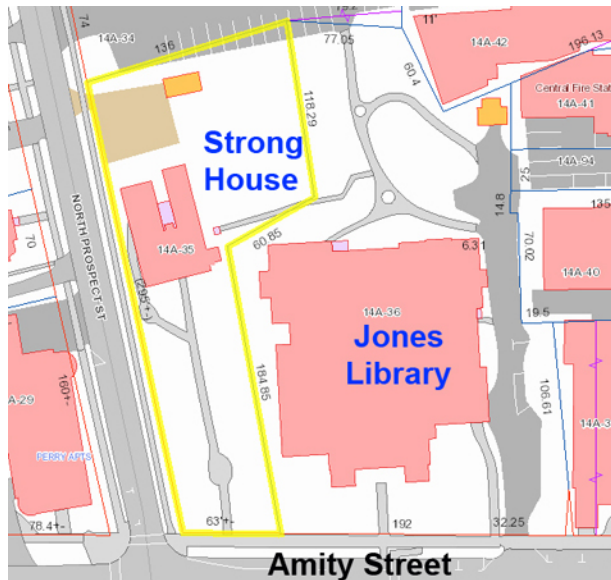


- Consultant to examine the stonework and make recommendations for repair
- Structure to protect the fountain in the winter





#4 \$20,000 Strong House Archaeological Survey – Amherst Historical Society CPAC Vote 7- 0



- Amherst History Museum “Amherst’s Attic”
- UMASS Archaeological Services will do:
 - Ground penetrating radar study
 - Subsurface testing,
 - Dig several test pits
 - Report findings & recommendations
 - Involve students
- Amount reduced to \$20,000





Article 17 A #5 \$25,000 Strong House Painting

– Amherst Historical Society
CPAC Vote 7- 0



- Scrape, caulk, paint entire building
- Replace deteriorated glazing compound around windows
- Use historically appropriate colors





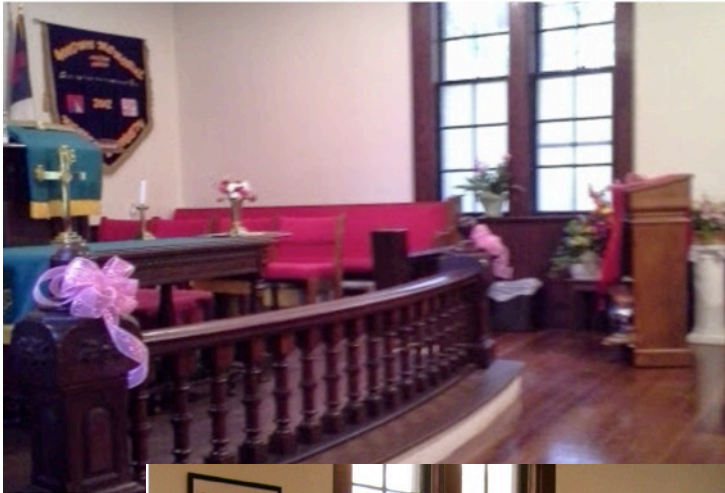
**#6 \$25,000 Capital Needs Assessment
& Archaeological Study**
– Goodwin Memorial AME Zion Church
CPAC Vote 7- 0



- Oldest church built by African Americans in town
- Listed on National Register of Historic sites
- Assess soundness, safety, energy use, accessibility, drainage, etc.
- Studies required to get future grants



#6 \$25,000 Capital Needs Assessment & Archaeological Study – Goodwin Memorial AME Zion Church CPAC Vote 7- 0



Goodwin Congregation-
Black Lives Matter Sunday





#7 \$25,000 Open Space Surveys & Appraisals

– Town of Amherst, Ziomek
CPAC Vote 7- 0



- Necessary first step in the process of acquiring conservation land and preserving farms
- Required for grants





#8 \$50,000 North Amherst Field Improvements

– Town of Amherst, Chalfant
CPAC Vote 7- 0



- Install a safety fence along Sunderland Road
- Install an informal TRG (trap rock gravel) parking area adjacent to the multi-purpose playing field
- Buy a moveable backstop





#9 \$127,351 Mill River Baseball Fields Improvements

– Amherst Baseball, Inc.
CPAC Vote 6 - 0 - 1



Improvements include:

- Excavation and Reconstruction of Baseball Infields with engineered soils: \$75,651
- Installation of Water Service: \$10,000
- Construction of Dugouts: \$32,000
- Removal and Replacement of Batting Cages: \$7,000
- Installation of Electric Service: \$2,000
- Replacement of Fence Protectors: \$700





#10

\$1,750 Administrative Expenses

– Community Preservation Committee
CPAC Vote 7 – 0

- Dues to Community Preservation Coalition
- Newspaper Ads for Public Hearings
- Miscellaneous Expenses
- Visit www.CommunityPreservation.org



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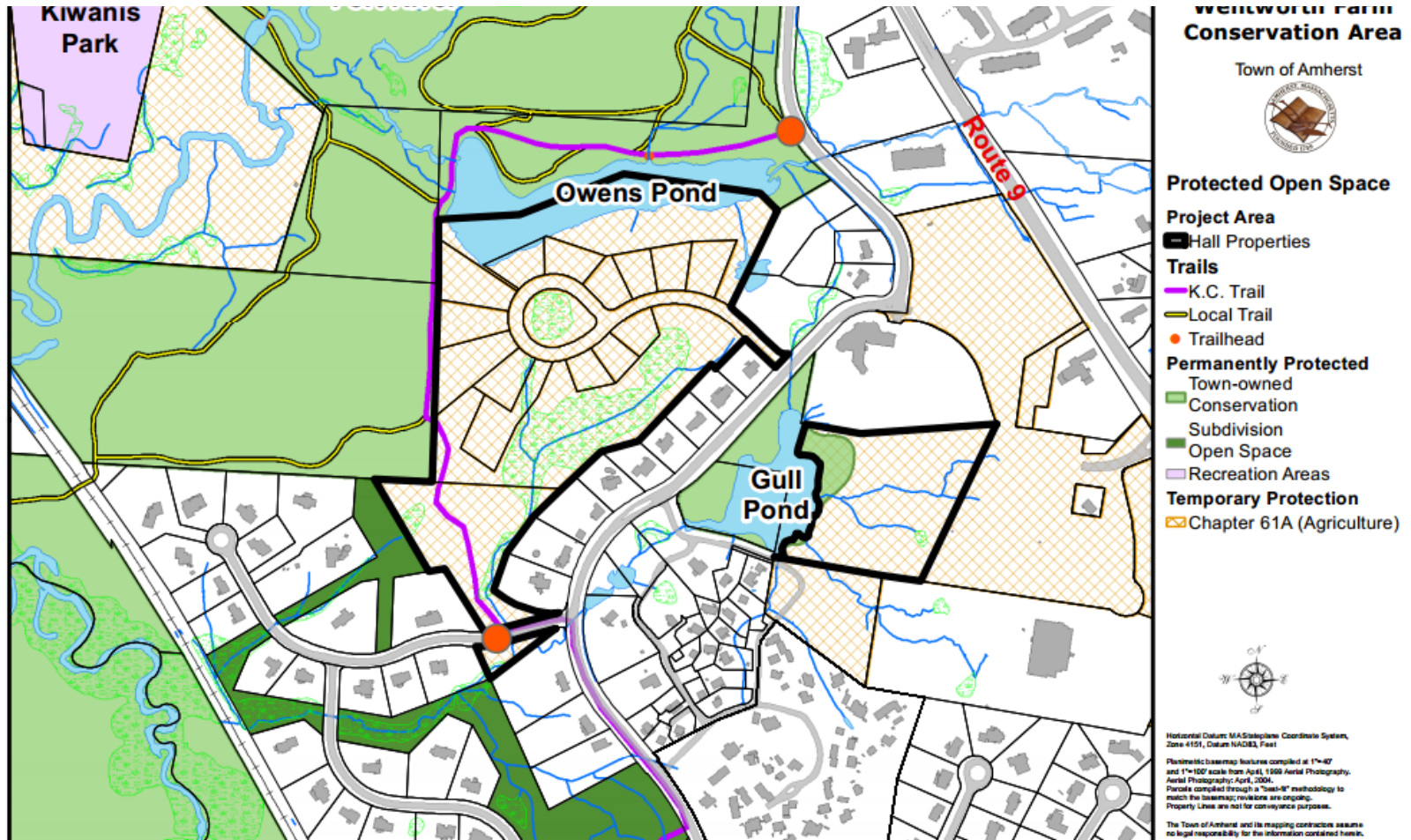
Article 17 B \$105,995 Hall Property Acquisition – Town of Amherst, Ziomek CPAC Vote 7- 0

- Purchase 2 parcels off Old Farm Road as conservation land
- 31.56 acres total
- Adjacent to Wentworth Farm Recreation Area
- Protect Gull Pond & Owens Pond
- Easily accessible
- Serves diverse populations
- Hiking, fishing, canoeing, bird-watching, ice-skating
- Received \$235,655 L.A.N.D. grant





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Article 11 Debt Service



\$321,537 Debt Service

\$ 7,200	So East Street Rock Farm	(year 2 of 10)
\$ 13,200	AHA Ann Whalen Apt.	(year 2 of 10)
\$ 25,566	Town Hall Masonry	(year 6 of 10)
\$ 58,375	Hawthorne Property	(year 5 of 10)
	43% Housing (\$25,101)	
	57% Recreation (\$33,274)	
\$ 41,650	AHA 22 units	(year 4 of 10)
\$175,546	Rolling Green 41 Affordable units	(year 1 of 10)